

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF
THE SELECTMEN
AND
OVERSEER OF THE POOR,
OF
THE TOWN OF GILFORD,
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1871.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows :

In Treasury March 1, 1870,	\$3397 93	
Collectors' lists, 1870,	22488 53	
Received for circus licences,	50 00	
Savings Bank Tax from State,	1363 53	
Railroad Tax from State,	432 08	
Literary money from State,	158 63	
Literary money from Town,	33 60	
United States bounty assignments,	81 60	
Received on notes,	25819 54	
of G. W. Munsey, collector for 1869,	512 87	
of H. E. Brawn, " "	293 00	
of H. H. Sleeper, " 1868,	150 00	
of H. H. Sleeper, " 1867,	150 00	
of S. S. Ayer, " 1865,	15 00	
of G. W. Munsey, school house taxes,	836 00	
		\$55,782 31

The Selectmen credit themselves as follows :

State Tax,	\$4572 00	
County Tax,	2641 56	
		\$7,213 56

School Orders.

School District No. 1	\$112 46
No. 2	56 29
No. 3	83 52
No. 4	821 43
No. 5	113 02
No. 6	86 84
No. 7	100 79

School District No. 8	158 62	
No. 9	109 56	
No.10	129 83	
No.11	55 00	
No.12	100 97	
No.13	687 45	
No.14	65 90	
	<hr/>	\$2,681 68

School House Tax.

School District No. 6	\$50 00	
No. 7	125 00	
No. 8	176 00	
No. 11	100 00	
No. 12	300 00	
No. 14	85 00	
	<hr/>	\$836 00

Highways and Bridges.

Gardner Cook, lumber,	\$12 30	
Hazen Copp, "	109 05	
Gardner Cook, "	362 78	
Smith & Richardson, lumber,	1 24	
Nelson Richardson, "	10 40	
John J. Morrill, "	18 01	
A. W. & H. O. Bugbee, spikes,	2 75	
Noah L. True, lumber,	4 76	
R. H. Carr, plank,	1 25	
James H. Tilton, spikes &c.	15 10	
George W. Sanders, lumber,	159 74	
	<hr/>	\$697 38

Breaking Roads, 1869--1870.

John Edwards,	\$40 05	
William H. Jewett,	43 00	
Shepard Rowe,	64 31	
Hiram Gilman,	59 46	
Stephen S. Ayer,	74 30	
Samuel W. Prescott,	46 00	
Daniel Allard,	68 96	

George W. Robinson,	69 78
Thomas E. Hunt,	61 05
Francis P. Rand,	24 96
William H. Sauborn,	33 94
Richard H. Sauborn,	27 63
John A. Jewett,	49 04
Morrill Thing,	23 85
Daniel H. Rowe,	48 56
Annas C. James,	39 75
William T. Batchelder,	59 39
Joseph Hunt,	70 97
B. F. Weeks,	42 29
J. M. Blaisdell,	50 48
Nathan Hatch,	76 15
John P. Davis,	41 51
Bethuel Glidden,	100 09
Henry Davis,	17 48
George W. Sanders,	53 30
George Sleeper,	47 54
W. Buzzell,	6 90
John M. Weeks,	95 62
S. S. Bennett,	82 33
Jonathan Morrill,	40 39
Daniel S. Blaisdell,	47 84
David A. Corliss,	25 50
Timothy F. Bunker,	65 10
George W. Farrar,	7 55

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Bills Paid for Labor on Damage by Freshets,

OCTOBER, 1869, AND APRIL, 1870.

Hazen P. Weeks, on Copp Bridge,	\$15 00
William W. Watson, "	5 00
Hazen Copp, "	41 25
George W. Leavitt, "	4 50
P. H. Thurston, "	7 87
George R. Goss, "	20 62
George W. Thompson, "	13 75
Daniel Leavitt, town farm bridge,	2 00
I. H. Thurston, " "	21 00

John C. Shannon, town farm bridge, 1869,.	2 00
Enoch H. Thompson, " "	7 00
Stephen Batchelder, " "	23 00
Benj. A. Leavitt, " "	24 00
B.F. Parker, " " 1869,..	265 70
Thompson Ames, " "	58 00
George R. Goss, " "	51 00
John M. Lampry, " "	2 70
Lyman W. Thompson, " "	5 00
George Sleeper, Dist. No. 26,.....	28 55
Wm. H. Jewett, " " 2,.....	18 12
John Edwards, " " 1,.....	19 00
Nathan Hatch, " " 21,	11 20
Daniel Hoit, " "	15 50
John Edwards, " " 1,.....	23 87
Samuel S. Bennett, " " 29, 1869, ..	100 00
Lyman Sanborn,.....1869, ..	17 99
Lyman Sanborn,.....	1 50
George W. Thompson, Dist. No 20,.....	11 25
Wm. M. Potter, " 20,.....	88 30
Hazen P. Weeks, bridge, " 28,.....	88 50
A. C. James, " 16,.....	12 00
E. M. Brown, bridge, " 24,.....	49 75
Hazen P. Weeks, " 15,.....	36 25
Hazen P. Weeks, " 34,.....	56 00
Hazen P. Weeks, " 31,.....	37 80
William Weeks, " 19,.....	2 50
George W. Thompson, " 20,.....	1 12
John Edwards, peg mill bridge,	138 26

 \$1266

Town Officers' Bills.

Auditors' bill, 1870,.....	\$9 00
Daniel A. Tilton, services as selectman,....	12 50
Thomas E. Hunt, " "	7 50
Simon Rowe, town clerk,.....	45 00
S. Rowe, treas. lit. and ministerial fund, ...	1 00
George M. Park, school committee,.....	68 00
Thomas E. Hunt, " "	38 00
Nathaniel Edwards, collector,.....	75 00
George W. Munsey, "	85 00

Marshall C. Dexter, collector,	75 00
Stephen S. Ayer, selectmen,	150 75
Sylvester S. Wiggin, "	95 00
Hazen P. Weeks, "	89 25
Stephen S. Ayer, treasurer,	40 00

\$791 00

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Treasurer literary fund,	\$33 60
Treasurer ministerial fund,	48 00
Fire Engine Co. Lake Village,	150 00
" Laconia,	150 00
Fred H. Coffin,	1 50
David Bowman, land damage,	20 00
E. R. Carlton, hand-cuffs,	2 00
Stanton & Haynes, printing,	4 00
Nancy Smith, land damage,	40 00
N. Johnson, stationery,	1 25
E. Mallard, guide-boards,	12 14
Jacob L. Frohock, culvert stone,	6 00
Benjamin A. Leavitt, water trough,	1 50
John A. Jewett, land damage,	5 00
James W. Jewett "	10 00
John Jewett, "	15 00
Samuel N. Jewett, "	30 00
Ruea Libby, "	20 00
N. Johnson, jr., stationery,	1 00
N. Johnson, jr., "	6 00
Stanton & Haynes, printing 850 reports and check-lists,	66 00
Stanton & Haynes, printing,	3 00
Taylor & Shaw, horse hire, 1869,	9 50
Morrill & Silsby, stationery,	13 05
B. W. Sanborn, "	2 00
Whitney & Dwinells, horse hire, 1869,	6 00
Thomas Weeks, culvert,	15 23
Gust A. Copp, board,	5 00
George H. Monlton, police, 1869,	3 50
Pitman & Tilton,	6 00
Levi M. Sanborn, culvert,	15 00
John Hines, police, 1869,	8 00

C. W. B. Davis, damage to sleigh, 1869,..	1 75
R. H. Carr, board, &c.,.....	4 50
A. L. Davis, culverts,	25 00
George W. Morrill, culvert stone.	6 00
William H. Wadley, blacksmith work,	2 45
C. M. Hatch, culvert stone &c.,	16 00
James R. Morrill, culverts,	14 00
Daniel Hoit, culvert,	23 05
Frank Wadley, cleaning Town House,	3 00
George W. Morrill, land damages,	3 00
Asa Ladd, culvert stone,	15 00
T. S. Foster, injuries sustained in 1869, by self and team, by defect in causeway,	160 00
Morrill & Silsby, stationery,	1 00
Ranlet Manf. Co., castings,.....	3 85
Hazen P. Weeks, horse hire and cash paid,.	47 00
S. S. Wiggin, " " "	84 50
G. W. Munsey, board bill,	109 67
E. Bartlett, overtax,.....	3 58
J. S. Stevens, "	4 77
B. Q. Jewett, "	3 37
J. J. Morrill, "	5 43
S. N. Thurston, "	3 05
S. S. Ayer, horse hire and cash paid,.....	115 71
M. P. Thompson, water trough,	1 50
George W. Munsey, wood, &c.,	6 67
John S. Lee, police bill,.....	16 00
S. J. Twombly, "	15 25
John Sanborn, "	18 00
John Edwards, "	22 50
E. A. Hibbard, counsel;.....	22 00
R. H. Sanborn, overtax,	2 44

 \$1469 31

Highway Tax Expended,

In the several Highway Districts in Repairing Highways in the
Summers of 1869 and 1870.

District No. 1,	\$246 25
2,	548 17
3,	465 95

District No. 4,	1 05
5,	43 40
6,	85 72
7,	24 89
8,	35 05
9,	45 25
10,	23 52
11,	15 92
12,	19 22
13,	41 30
14,	21 09
15,	47 80
16,	64 08
17,	48 37
18,	21 67
19,	44 07
20,	107 25
21,	60 86
22,	47 57
23,	65 15
24,	40 47
25,	78 71
26,	37 22
27,	
28,	37 65
29,	21 05
30,	21 05
31,	30 24
32,	114 00
33,	33 43
34,	18 38
35,	521 93
Amount of orders for 1869,	48 52

 \$3126 25

Bills paid on New Highway at Lake Village, *And Land Damage on same.*

Alonzo Dockham, grading for abutment,..	\$10 60
James Blake, " " ..	2 00
Shepherd Rowe, " " ..	23 50

J. J. Sanborn, furnishing material and building abutment,	1112 00	
Land damage tendered Lake Co., and deposited in L. V. Savings Bank subject to be drawn by their agent,	1100 00	
		<hr/> \$2248 10

Recapitulation.

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Cash in treasury, March 1, 1870,	\$3397 93	
Collectors' list for 1870,	22488 53	
Received on notes,	25819 54	
" from all other sources,	4076 31	
		<hr/> \$55,782 31

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Paid State and County taxes,	\$7213 56	
School orders,	2681 68	
School house taxes,	836 00	
Highways and bridges,	697 38	
Breaking roads, 1869 and 1870, ...	1705 07	
Damage done by freshet,	1266 85	
Town officers' bills,	791 00	
Miscellaneous bills,	1469 31	
Highway tax expended,	3126 25	
New highway bills,	2248 10	
Abatements, 1870,	349 41	
Overseer of the poor,	778 03	
On notes,	29354 84	
D. A. Tilton, error in record railroad tax, 1869,	300 00	
Thomas Weeks, overpay on collector's book, 1867,	47 30	
In collector's hand,	2010 47	
In treasury March 1, 1871,	907 06	
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Liabilities.

Amount due on notes,..... \$78,085 62

Assets.

Cash in treasury,	\$907 06
M. C. Dexter, collector, 1870,.....	1568 64
G. W. Munsey, " "	441 83
H. E. Brawn, " 1869,.....	492 98
G. W. Munsey, " 1869,.....	37 57
H. H. Sleeper, " 1868,.....	412 40
Thos. E. Hunt, " 1868,.....	462 44
H. H. Sleeper, " 1867,.....	596 91
Thomas Weeks, " 1866,.....	23 00
S. S. Ayer, " 1865,.....	71 47
E. Flanders, jr., " 1863,.....	22 59
H. Jewett, " 1861,.....	33 36
Thomas Weeks, " 1858,.....	2 57
Collectors for 1843—1844—1854,.....	23 82
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	\$4996 64
Liabilities over assets,.....	\$73,088 98

STEPHEN S. AYER, SYLVESTER S. WIGGIN HAZEN P. WEEKS,	}	<i>Selectmen of Gilford.</i>
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The undersigned having examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. W. SANDERS, R. H. SANBORN, SIMON ROWE,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
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REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

The Overseer of the Poor charges himself as follows :

Received of the County,.....	\$180 46	
J. Gove, keeping sheep,.....	1 50	
J. M. Lamprey, oats,.....	.93	
Rent on Sewell house,	7 50	
Pickering & Co., 8 lambs,.....	29 00	
W. Rider, 1 rooster,.....	80	
George Sleeper, 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ M. shingle,...	9 32	
— Grant, wool,.....	10 00	
G. H. Gilman, 2 steers,.....	180 00	
“ 5 bbls. cider,.....	12 50	
George Sleeper, 324 feet boards,..	8 10	
J. J. Morrill, hide,.....	4 20	
J. H. Weeks, 9 sheep,.....	34 00	
Selectmen for repairing road,....	5 25	
George Sleeper, 168 feet boards,..	3 36	
George Sturtevant, beef,	11 05	
C. W. Leavitt, beef,.....	17 12	
Sleeper & Smart, eggs,.....	30 94	
“ “ butter,	26 09	
B. Hatch, articles sold from farm,.	23 41	
		\$595 63

The Overseer of the Poor credits himself as follows :

Support of Poor on Farm.

Paid B. J. Cole, 2 plow points,.....	\$1 50
G. Sleeper, 5 cwt. of hay,.....	5 00
Folsom & Smith, cloth,.....	1 26
H. Blaisdell, 1 axe,.....	1 25
J. S. Dockham, labor,.....	5 25

H. Bean, 2 pigs,	10 00
J. Aldrich & Co., salt,.....	80
J. E. Odlin, al. for M. Sewell,....	2 00
J. C. Shannon, 8 days haying,.....	16 00
Geo. Sleeper, pasturing oxen, 1869,. .	2 00
“ use of bull,.....	75
“ pasturing 2 calves,...	2 50
Morrill Ames, pasturing cattle,....	11 00
Pitman & Tilton, goods,.....	5 36
“ “ “ 	1 50
J. H. Tilton, for sup. of lime,.....	11 10
J. C. Locke, 1 calf,.....	10 50
J. H. Weeks, 9 sheep,.....	38 00
D. H. Munsey, shoe work,.....	4 00
C. Rollins, 1 bbl.,.....	1 75
Sleeper & Smart, for groceries, grass seed, &c., for the farm,.....	72 26
Lyman Thompson, labor,.....	3 50
C. A. Sleeper, labor,.....	4 00
B. Hatch, supplies for town farm,..	29 52
“ “ “ “ 	2 56
“ for services on farm,.....	250 00
J. M. Blaisdell, blacksmith work,..	6 05
Munsey & Eaton, goods,.....	13 88

\$513 29

For Support of Poor off the Farm.

Paid Mrs. Hoyt, for grave clothes for J. Thompson,.....	\$3 25
• Sleeper & Smart, for C. H. Merrill,.....	6 00
J. Gilbert, coffin and robe for J. Staples,.....	10 00
D. B. Nelson, med. aid S. Nichols,.....	16 25
J. H. Tilton & Co., goods for Mrs. J. Staples,.....	16 13
D. F. & J. Moore, wood for Mrs. J. Staples,.....	12 00
J. E. Odlin, for J. Thompson,.....	2 40
Sleeper & Smart, ".....	2 73
John H Tilton, groceries for H. L. Wilkinson,.....	34 89
Town of Laconia for H. Wilkinson,.....	38 64

J. Gilbert, coffin for Goochey child,.	3 00
H. A. Davis, services as sexton for Goochey child,.....	3 00
J. Giltert, coffin for M. Sewell,	6 00
H. A. Davis, services as sexton for John Staples,.....	4 50
H. H. Brown, medical services for Moses St. Cyer,.....	17 00
Sleeper & Smart, groceries for Moses St. Cyer,.....	16 96
Sleeper & Smart, goods for J. Dock- ham, 1869,	1 78
Geo. Mead, aid for Mrs. Beede,....	13 50
Heury Davis, care of John Bean,....	65 00
Samuel F. Flanders, board of Daniel Leavitt,.....	25 00
Funeral expenses of M. Sewell,.....	8 50
D. F. & J. C. Moore, medical aid for Albert Nasou,.....	5 00
State Reform School for David Swain,	26 00
State Reform School for David Swain,	26 00
State Ref'm School for David Swain,	26 25
State Ref'm School for David Swain,	26 25
N. H. Asylum for the Insane, for Support of Benj. Dow,.....	247 19
N. H. Asylum for the Insane, for Support of Benj. Dow,.....	31 22
W. P. Moulton for J. D. Moulton sup- port at the N. H. Asylum,.....	13 00
W. P. Moulton for J. D. Moulton support at the N. H. Asylum,....	13 00
W. P. Moulton for J. D. Moulton, support at the N. H. Asylum,....	13 00

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Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid D. B. Nelson, tor doctoring, per contract, for 1870,.....	\$40 00
Cash paid out,.....	1 25 .
Lovell, Thompson and Nelson, in the case of Benj. Dow,.....	3 25

E. A. Hibbard,	1 00	
Geo. Sleeper, for services,.....	43 50	
“ “ cash paid out,.....	17 93	
“ “ use of team,.....	16 50	
Whitney & Dwinels, horse hire,....	2 50	
S. Rowe, examining records.....	1 00	
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Recapitulation.

Paid for support of poor on farm,.....	\$513 29	
Cash received from the farm,.....	415 17—	\$98 12
Paid for support of poor off farm,.....	\$733 44	
Received of the county,.....	180 46—	\$552 98
Miscellaneous bills,.....		126 93

Received of Treasurer as needed,..... \$778 03
 GEORGE SLEEPER, *Overseer of Poor.*

The undersigned having examined the foregoing accounts of the Overseer of the Poor, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

R. H. SANBORN,
 SIMON ROWE,
 GEO. W. SANDERS, } *Auditors.*

Inventory of Property on Town Farm.

1 Pair Oxen,.....	\$190 00
1 Pair Steers,.....	40 00
2 Cows,.....	90 00
1 Heifer,.....	22 00
3 Yearlings,....	36 00
9 Sheep,.....	45 00
10 Tons of Hay,.....	170 00
2 Shotes,.....	36 00
18 Hens,.....	9 00

18 Bushels Corn,.....	21 60
10 Bushels Wheat,.....	17 50
4½ Bushels Beans,.....	13 50
1 Bushel Pop Corn,.....	1 00
70 Bushels Potatoes,.....	60 00
175 lbs. Dried Apples,.....	10 50
1 bush. Meal,.....	1 20
¾ bbl. Flour,.....	3 00
25 lbs Lard,.....	5 00
25 lbs Butter,.....	10 00
25 lbs Tallow,.....	3 00
5 lbs Sugar,.....	70
1 box Salt,.....	40
4 gals Boiled Cider,.....	3 00
10 gals Apple-Sauce,.....	2 00
55 lbs Beef,.....	5 50
50 lbs Ham,.....	7 50
11 lbs Candles,.....	1 65
2 lbs Tea,.....	2 50
1½ gals Molasses,.....	1 00
¾ lb Tobacco,.....	35
5 yds Cloth,.....	3 00
10 bush Apples,.....	5 00
8 bbls Cider,.....	32 00
1½ bbl Soap,.....	6 00
250 lbs Pork,.....	50 00
1 Wagon,.....	20 00
Farming Tools,.....	100 00
Household Furniture,.....	160 00

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Name and age of person at the Alms House : Mark Small, 31.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Gilford:—

Another year having passed away, it becomes the duty of your Committee to again submit their report of the schools for the year.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

During the past year there has been a marked improvement in many of your school-houses; some having built new, others having made needed repairs. There is need of still more work in some districts to afford the children comfortable places for study.

During the year, we have been called upon to locate school-houses in Districts Nos. 12 and 13. This unpleasant duty we tried to do, to the best of our ability, and for the best interest of all concerned.

BOOKS.

During the year, we have made some effort towards improvement in books. In writing, I tried to introduce the Copy-Books, that is, books with the copies set. I first tried, with a few of the best scholars, Helper' System, and satisfied myself that the books were too complicated and difficult for use in our common schools. Then, after examining a number of other systems, I adopted Potter & Hammond's Progressive Series. This series consists of nine books; commencing with the simplest copy and advancing to the more difficult. My object was this: to overcome a long-existing error, of changing our hand or system of writing nearly every term. If the teacher sets the copy, as no two teachers may have the same system of writing, with every new teacher we must write a new hand, and consequently we come out, at the end, with a mixture of systems, and irregular hand. By adopting some one system, we have greater advantages, and become better writers. While I am not particular

in regard to whose system you take, I would recommend you to choose some one, and continue to use it.

TEXT BOOKS.

Some improvement has been made in text books, towards a better classification this year. By continued care for a few terms, as the scholars advance from one book to another, and parents purchase new ones, the evil of a multiplicity of text books may be entirely removed. We would call the attention of our successor, and of parents, to this subject.

DISTRICT No. 1. Prudential Committee, W. M. Goss. This school was taught by Miss E. D. Sanborn, who has been considered one of our very best teachers. At the first visit the school appeared very well, although we discovered a disposition, or feeling manifest upon the part of some scholars, which was not pleasant to us to see, although we did not then understand the cause; but we think, now, it was because the agent did not employ their former teacher. Miss S. having taught between thirty and forty schools in the past without difficulty, it appears to us that the responsibility of the trouble during the past winter rests upon the scholars, and they ought to bear it.

DISTRICT No. 2. Winter, Ada E. Sturtevant, teacher. This school was a success. The scholars though mostly small and not far advanced in their studies, made good improvement. The teacher has commenced well.

DISTRICT No. 3. Prudential Committee, J. C. Morrill. This school has had two terms, taught by S. Jennie Morrill, making six terms in all she has instructed it. At our first visit of the first term, the school appeared pleasant, the order being fair, but the scholars not quite as diligent as we would have desired. But at the second visit, notwithstanding the day was stormy, and few scholars were present, the recitations showed more improvement than at any past term of her labor with the school. At the commencement of the next term we did not consider it necessary to visit the school, and at its close was from town.

DISTRICT No. 4. Prudential Committee, S. S. Wiggin. Summer and Winter terms, Primary Department, taught by M. Anna Gilman. This is the third year Miss G. has been connected with this school; and one need only visit it to discover a strong attachment between herself and her pupils. The Summer term

was eighteen weeks in length, but a good interest was manifest at its close. The improvement made was worthy the commendation and gratitude of the district. The speaking and reading showed training and taste. The recitations in arithmetic and first steps in geography, were excellent.

Higher Department, Summer term taught by Miss Sarah L. Merrill. In this school the improvement in reading was very good; the arithmetic, thorough; the geography well committed and the questions readily answered. The analysis and parsing showed study, interest, and an understanding of what had been passed over. At the examination six boys and thirty girls were present. This was wrong, and I fear some parents are in fault. Miss M. is deserving of praise for what this school has accomplished for the few past terms. Some body in this district ought to call the attention of parents to the sections of the School Laws which provides, "That every child under fifteen years of age not having attended school at least twelve weeks, and every child under twelve years of age not having attended school at least six months during the year preceeding, employed in any manufacturing establishment, the owner, agent or superintendent employing such child shall be fined fifty dollars." See School Laws, Chap. 7, Sections 11-13.

Winter term the same teachers were employed as in Summer. In each of the schools the efforts put forth by the teachers to elevate their character have been rewarded by the high moral and intellectual tone which prevades them.

DISTRICT NO. 5. Prudential Committee, L. C. Davis. Summer term taught by Alice J. Gilman. This was Miss G.'s first school. But at the first and the last visit, the school appeared well; order good; the teacher easy, natural and pleasant. The examination showed effort made for improvement; and while the scholars were nearly all small, the advancement was very commendable. The school, I should judge, was a success.

Winter term, Anna A. Gilman, teacher. This school was an interesting and profitable one. The scholars were nearly all small, but made good improvement. The district will do well to secure Miss Gilman's services the coming season.

DISTRICT NO. 6. Prudential Committee, Thomas Saltmarsh. First term taught by Mary A. Smith. The scholars in this district are few in number. During the summer term nearly all were

young. However the school showed study, diligence, and good progress. The lessons were very perfectly and readily recited. Order good. The money well expended. Second term. Commenced by Emma P. Daine. At our first visit, we found the school in a good condition; the scholars were interested, and the teacher seemed active.

DISTRICT No. 7. Taught by Sarah E. French, of Lower Gilmanston. First visit, school gave every indication of being a successful one. Teacher seemed to understand her work. The scholars appeared to like their teacher, and to be interested.

DISTRICT No. 8. Prudential Committee, W. L. Thompson. Both the Summer and Winter terms were taught by Miss Clara E. Evans, of New Hampton, making five terms in all she has taught this school. The last term was affected somewhat by the sickness of some of the scholars. The progress of this school, and value of the teacher's labors can be seen only by comparing the condition of the school to-day, with its condition three years ago, when Miss E. took charge of it. Miss Evans and her pupils, with perhaps a few exceptions, if any, worked together hard and earnestly. The result was success. The parents and scholars in this district have learned to prize and appreciate the labors of a good and faithful teacher. May they be as fortunate in the future.

DISTRICT No. 9. Prudential Committee, J. M. Weeks. Mr. Weeks labored hard, and for some time, to secure the services of a teacher, and finally obtained the services of Mary Eaton of Meredith, a well known and successful teacher. But she, being taken sick the week before the school was to commence, sent her younger sister, Julia A. Eaton. Mr. Weeks, feeling that she was too young to undertake the school, but not knowing where to look for another teacher, placed Miss E., with my consent, over the school for a few weeks. Miss Eaton is one of the best scholars we have examined for years, but lacked the physical power to properly discipline and control some of the scholars. If the scholars had been obedient to the teacher, we have no doubt the school might have been especially profitable. We hope Miss E. will not be discouraged, for greater success is before her. To some of the scholars of this district we would kindly say: We are fearful you will look back, in years to come, upon your school days with many regrets.

DISTRICT NO. 10. Prudential Committee, D. S. Blaisdell. Summer term taught by Mary Ella Rowe. The fact that this was the seventh term Miss Rowe has taught this school is the best indication we have of her merit as a teacher. The advancement made in some of the studies was marked, and especially commendable. The school was a profitable one to the district.

Winter, E. S. P. Rowe, teacher. The school appeared well at my first visit: scholars studious; teacher appeared to be interested in securing the best advancement of her pupils. The same interest was fully sustained at the closing examination.

DISTRICT NO. 11. Prudential Committee, Samuel Flanders. One term taught by Mary A. Smith. This school opened well at the commencement of the term. We were well pleased with it. "It continued so for a few weeks, the scholars learning well," says the teacher, at which time some of the scholars were punished, which offended some of the parents, who took their children's part, which did the scholars injury,—also the school and teacher. This is no new thing in this district with a few parents. It occurs nearly every term, and nearly every teacher has trouble with the same parents. If it was not so we might censure the teacher perhaps. But we think those parents are doing injustice to themselves, their scholars, school, and teachers, in upholding their children in wrong and disobedience. They are committing an error. We thus speak hoping it may never occur again. Most of the scholars made good improvement. We did not visit the school at the close of the term, not getting notice in time.

DISTRICT NO. 13. Prudential Committee, M. C. Dexter. Summer term, Primary Department, taught by Annie C. Hurd. This school, the scholars being so young and so many in number during the summer, and the weather being so warm, is a difficult school to teach. Miss Hurd was a pleasant teacher, we think. The death of a sister called her away a few days before the school was to have closed: consequently there was no closing examination. We think, however, the term was an average one.

Higher Department, taught by Miss Ella J. Hill. This was a term of hard, studious work, both by the pupils and teacher. The closing examination, of a whole day, was very interesting, showing a good degree of thoroughness and proficiency in the different branches pursued. The examination was attended by a

large number of parents and friends, who felt proud of their children, thankful to their teacher, and that their money had been richly invested. May the teacher be as successful in her new school.

Winter. The schools in this district commenced with the most flattering prospects of success, but after keeping a few weeks, complaints came from some quarters respecting the method of maintaining order in the school-room, employed by the teacher in the higher department, Miss Alice J. Gilman. It is very easy to find fault with any thing under the sun. It takes but little talent to do it. Of all descriptions of business, fault-finding is that which requires the least capital. It is easy to make a sweeping assertion respecting the character of a school, but is another thing to produce the facts to support such an assertion. We are obliged to confess that we were unable to see any wrong in the government of the school, but much to applaud, and our means of information have been as ample as those of any other person.

The school under the instruction of Fanny D. Pearson was a success.

The Primary Department, under the instruction of Carrie Brawn, was a profitable term.

Higher Department. S. Jennie Morrill, teacher. The closing examination showed a satisfactory result.

In closing my report allow me to say that in leaving your town for another field of labor, among the many ties I was obliged to sever, was my connection with the schools. During my labors with the schools, I have not had to expel a scholar, nor had really a case of discipline. My greatest regret while with the schools, was my inability to devote a sufficient amount of time to them. And I hope in choosing your next Committee you will select the man, or men, best adapted to meet the wants of the schools. I regard the office of Superintending School Committee as one, if not the most important in town.

GEO. M. PARK, *School Committee.*

SUMMER TERM.

Districts.	Name of Teachers.	Wages per month, board includ. d.	Weeks of Term.	Number of Boys.	Number of Girls.	Whole number.	Average attendance.	Cases of Tardiness.	Not absent half day.	Visits Supt. Com.	Visits Prud. Com.	Visits of Citizens.	Money to each Dis- trict.
3	S. Jennie Morrill,	\$20	8	11	7	18	13	14	1	2	0	11	
4	{ M. Anna Gilman,	34	18	41	42	83	56	208	3	3	2	19	
	{ S. L. Merrill,	33	18	17	40	57	32	197	2	4	1	20	
5	Alice J. Gilman,	24	9	8	12	20	16	16	0	2	0	6	
6	Mary A. Smith,	22	7	3	3	11	10	0	1	2	0	5	
8	Clara E. Evans,	35	10	14	23	37	35	5	14	2	1	10	
10	Mary Ella Rowe,	22	9	18	14	32	27	22	1	2	1	10	
13	{ Annie E. Hurd,	32	12	36	25	61	49	120	0	2	1	8	
	{ Ella J. Hill,												

WINTER TERM.

1	E. D. Sanborn,	\$25	13	12	7	19	15	15	8	2	0	6	12.46
2	Ada E. Sturtevant,	25	7	5	2	7	6	7	0	2	0	2	56.29
3	S. Jennie Morrill,	24	8	11	7	18	13	48	0	0	0	6	83.52
4	{ M. Anna Gilman, S. L. Merrill,	{ Not closed. 821.43											
5	Annie A. Gilman,	25	7	7	6	13	13	5	8	2		4	113.02
6	M. A. Smith,	22	8	8	5	13	11	13	1	1		7	86.84
7	Sarah E. French,	21	17	15	11	26	16	13		2	2	23	100.79
8	Clara E. Evans,	29	8	16	26	42	37	22	18	2	1	11	158.62
9	Julia A. Eaton,	28	12	14	5	19	16	105	0	2		11	109.56
10	E. S. P. Rowe,	24	11	19	9	28	25	26	7	2		7	129.83
11	Mary A. Smith,	20	10	8	9	17	13	53	2	1		17	55.00
11	Ella J. Hill,	24	12	11	7	18	15	21	4	1	1	8	100.90
	Fanny D. Pearson,	40	8	21	18	39	33	34	12	2	1	30	
13	{ S. Jennie Morrill, Carrie Brawn,	36	11	18	20	38	30	188	1	1		51	687.45
14			14	31	18	49	40	31		2	1	31	65.90

